


- Treacy Elliott recalled that on December 16 he spent two hours standing ankle deep in water on his sidewalk flagging cars down that were traveling at a high rate of speed and had not noticed the street was flooded. He expressed concern that a vehicle may lose control and stated that getting someone to block the street is vital to the safety of residents and motorists. He asked what the City's plan was for correcting the flooding problem on Lockeford Street and how long it would take to complete.

Mayor Pro Tempore Howard agreed that the City should react more quickly to close the street to traffic during times of flooding and suggested that Police Partners be utilized for this purpose if necessary.

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- Judy Kosaka voiced concern about the problems that will be created when Lockeford Street is closed due to flooding and cars traveling to the new church on Mills Avenue are diverted to other streets. She questioned why the City allowed four apartment complexes and a duplex to be built within close proximity to one another on Lockeford Street when it was aware of the inadequate drainage.

Mayor Hitchcock asked Ms. Kosaka whether her house has flooded every year for the past twenty years, to which she answered in the affirmative.

Council Member Land stated that he had spoken with Ms. Kosaka previously and assured her that the City would respond quickly to barricade the street if future flooding occurs, and he gave her the home and cellular phone numbers for himself and Mr. Flynn, as well as Mr. Prima's work and home phone numbers.

- Annette Gibbs stated that her daughter parks her car on Lockeford Street and flood water has seeped inside it causing damage. She reported that during the five years she has lived on Lockeford Street it has flooded two or three times every year.

In reply to Council Member Hansen's request to have a plan in place to respond when heavy rains occur, Mr. Flynn assured him that the City would respond quickly and staff will return to Council with recommendations to correct the drainage problem.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

H-1 Claims filed against the City of Lodi – None

H-2 Reports: Boards/Commissions/Task Forces/Committees – None

H-3 Appointments – None

H-4 Miscellaneous

- a) Consider communication from John Sutphin requesting that Council place the subject of "lack of enforcement of City codes and ordinances" on a future City Council Agenda.

At the request of Mayor Hitchcock, City Clerk Blackston read the following letter dated December 18, 2002 from John Sutphin to Deputy City Manager Janet Keeter:

Dear Ms. Keeter: Thank you for your prompt response to my earlier request with respect to the lack of enforcement of applicable city codes and ordinances. I believe you missed the target of my inquiry. The city codes and ordinances mentioned include a response by the city department involved. These codes should not rely on a citizen's complaint. The members of the departments involved have the duty to enforce these codes. To advocate a citizen's complaint to enforce these codes is to set a dangerous and illegal precedent. Citizens are

